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THREE GRANDVIEW RESIDENTS INDICTED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Grandview, Mo., residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today for participating in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

John J. Hill, 27, **Charles L. Thompson**, 20, and **Chezera I. Davids**, 20, all of Grandview, were charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that all three defendants participated in a conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between March 14, 2002, and March 14, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that all three defendants, aiding and abetting each other, attempted to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on March 14, 2003.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Hill** and **Thompson** were in possession of pseudoephedrine, knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, on March 14, 2003.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Davids** maintained a place at 5500 E. 139th Terrace in Grandview for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was

investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Kansas City Metro Meth Task Force.

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